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FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 1892.

SIX-DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorized Capital \$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital \$500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:

D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. W. Wotton, Esq.
C. J. Hirst, Esq. Kwan Hui Chuen, Esq.

Chief Manager:

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

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Co.
C. B. STUART-TREW, Esq., M.P., for Hallam.
Geo. Munro, Manager.

BANKERS:—

The Alliance Bank (Limited).
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.
Yokohama—D. Fraser, Manager.
Shanghai—C. J. Galloway, Manager.
Amoy—J. Anderson, Manager.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened. Money
received on Deposit. Drafts issued. Bills
purchased and collected. Advances made on
Securities or goods in neutral Godowns. Usual
Bank Agency business undertaken.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

" 6 " 4 "

CURRENT ACCOUNTS 3 "

For Rates of Interest for other periods apply
to the Manager.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1892.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTH CALL OF ONE POUND
(£1) per Share, making £6 in all, is
payable on or before 30th June next, at the
current rate of exchange as may be notified.

By Order of the Court of Directors:

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 8th June, 1892.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that a GENERAL
MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS
in this Corporation will be held at the CITY
HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 25th
day of June current, at NOON, for the purpose of
appointing Auditors.

By Order of the Court of Directors:

F. de BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 10th June, 1892.

NOTICE.

EXAMPLES OF THE COST
OF ASSURANCE TO A MAN AGED 30
NEXT BIRTHDAY.

£1,000 STG. payable at death, would
cost per quarter at the rate of:—

£ 6 18 0 (a) If premiums are payable for
whole of life;

or £ 9 11 6 (b) If premiums are limited to 20
years;

or £ 11 4 6 (c) If premiums are limited to 15
years;

or £ 13 0 0 (d) If the Sum Assured is made
payable at age 50, or at
death if previous.

* Secured payments.

THE same provisions if commenced at age 40
n. b. would cost respectively (a) £8 15 0,
(b) £11 5 0, (c) £13 2 4, (d) £17 0 8 per quarter.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

932—4 STANDARD LIFE OFFICE

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
etc. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE:

No. 7, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1892.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000, £ 883,333-33

EQUAL TO \$38,000,000

RESERVE FUND \$38,000,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Lee Siao, Esq. Lo Veuk Moon, Esq.

Lou Tso Shun, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, etc., taken
to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1891.

1892

HONGKONG TIMBER
YARD, WANCHAI.

REGON PINE SPARS and LUMBER
Always on Hand.

L. MALLORY.

Hongkong, 26th June, 1891.

1892

CHS. J. GAUPP & CO.

CHRONOMETER, WATCH and CLOCK
MAKERS, JEWELLERS, SILVER,
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MARINE GLASSSES, and TELEGRAPHIC

TELEGRAMS.

Custom House, Canton, 1st June, 1892.

Intimations.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.
LONG RANGE CUP and SPOONS, TO
MORROW, the 18th instant, (weather
permitting). Ranges, 800 and 900 yards. Time,
3 P.M.

ED. ROBINSON,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th June, 1892.

PROFESSIONAL NOTICE.

DURING my temporary absence from
HONGKONG my Dental Surgery will be
CLOSED.

DENTON E. PETERSON,

No. 9, Connaught House,

Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 2nd June, 1892.

NOTICE.

THE PUNJOM and SUNGIE DUA
SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the
PUNJOM and SUNGIE DUA
SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED,
will be held at the Offices of the Company,
CONNAUGHT HOUSE, Queen's Road, Hongkong,
at NOON, on MONDAY, the 20th day of June,
1892, for the purpose of considering and if
thought fit passing the Resolution following:—

1. That it is desirable to reconstruct the Com-
pany, and accordingly that the Company
be Wound Up voluntarily, and that A.
O.D. Gourdin, Esq. be and he is hereby
appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such
Winding Up.

2. That the said Liquidator be and he is hereby
authorized to consent to the registration to a
new Company to be named the PUNJOM
MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, with a Memo-
randum and Articles of Association which
have already been prepared with the
pivity and approval of the Directors of this Com-
pany.

3. That the Draft Agreement submitted to this
Meeting and expressed to be made between
this Company and its Liquidator of the one
part, and the PUNJOM Mining Company,
Limited, of the other part, be and the same
is hereby approved, and that the said
Liquidator be and he is hereby authorized,
pursuant to the provisions of Section 240
of the Companies' Ordinance, 1865, to enter
into an Agreement with such new Company
when incorporated in the terms of the said
Draft and to carry the same into effect with
such (if any) modifications as the Liquidator
may think expedient.

Should the above Resolutions be passed by
the requisite majority they will be submitted for
confirmation at Special Resolutions to a Second
Extraordinary General Meeting which will be
subsequently convened.

By Order of the Board.

A. O.D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th June, 1892.

NOTICE.

PUNJOM and SUNGIE DUA SAMANTAN
MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

ALL PERSONS holding SCRIP in the
above Company are requested to send
them in at once for TRANSFER.

A Circular will be sent to each SHARE-
HOLDER, in reference to the re-construction of
the Company.

A. O.D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1892.

SPECIAL CHEAP EXCURSION.

WEATHER PERMITTING, the Steamer
"HONAM" will make a Special Trip to
MACAO on SUNDAY NEXT, the 18th Inst.,
leaving HONGKONG at 9 A.M. and returning
from MACAO at Mid-night.

THE PORTUGUESE AMATEUR BAND have
kindly consented to play a Selection of Music
during the passage.

In the evening the ANNUAL FAIR will take
place in CAMDEN'S GARDENS. Fair to MACAO
and back, £2. No Second-class or Single fares.
Chinese Servants, 50 Cents each way. Tickets
may be obtained at the Office of the Company,
or on board the Steamer on the morning of
sailing.

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th June, 1892.

CANTON DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,

No. 44.

JUNK SUNK OFF LANKEET ISLAND.

NOTICE is hereby given that the wreck
referred to in LOCAL NOTICES to
MARINERS, Nos. 42 and 43, has this day been
removed, and the JUNK stationed to mark the
danger withdrawn.

J. H. MAY,
Harbour Master.

Approved,

La. ROCHER,
Commissioner of Customs.

Customs House,

Canton, 13th June, 1892.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having AMALGAMATED
the Firms of DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
and DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Tamsui, commenced
business as Merchants and General Comission
Agents in Amoy and Tamsui as from the 31st
March, 1892. The Partners in the Firm are
JOHN STEWARD, LAPRAIK, FRANCIS
CASS and THOMAS EDMUND DAVIES.
LAPRAIK, CASS & Co.
Amoy & Tamsui, 7th June, 1892.

NOTICE.

IN conformity with the provisions of Regula-
tion IV of the General Regulations for the
CHINESE PILOTAge SERVICE, a Board
of Appointment will hold a Competitive Exam-
ination at the Harbour Master's Office, Canton,
at 11 A.M. on the 4th instant, to fill two
vacancies in the Canton Pilotage body.

Only those who have served an apprenticeship
are eligible for appointment.

J. H. MAY,
Harbour Master.

Custom House,

Canton, 13th June, 1892.

Intimations.

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NEW SCARFS, TIES, AND CRAVATS.

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HONGKONG, 11th June, 1892.

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HONGKONG, 11th June, 1892.

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Hongkong, 23rd January, 1892.

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In ordering, it is only necessary to state the name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted, and initial letter for quality desired.

PORTS. (For Invalids and general use).

Per doz. Per Case. Per Bot.

A Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule \$10 \$1.00

B Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule 12 1.10

C Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule 14 1.25

D Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled) 18 1.50

SHERRIES.

A Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule 6 0.60

B Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule 7.50 0.75

C Manzanilla Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule 10 1.00

D Superior Old Dry Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule 10 1.10

E Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice old Wine, White Seal Capsule (Old Bottled) 12 1.10

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Per Case. Per Case. Per Case.

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Quarts. Pints.

CLARETS.

A Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule 8 4 8.40

B St. Estephe, Red Capsule 4.50 5.00

C St. Julien, Red Capsule 7 7.50

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A Hennemy's Old Pale, Red Capsule 13 \$1.20

B Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule 15 1.40

C Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule 20 1.75

D Hennemy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1873 1.75

Vintage, Red Capsule 30 2.50

SCOTCH WHISKY.

A Thorne's Blend, White Capsule 8 0.75

B Watson's Glenorchy, Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark, 8 0.75

C Watson's Aclounie-Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark, 8 0.75

D Watson's H. K. D. Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule 10 1.00

E Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule 12 1.10

IRISH WHISKY.

A John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule 8 0.75

B John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule 10 1.00

C John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule 12 1.10

D Genuine Bourbon Whisky, fine old, Red Capsule, with Name 10 1.00

GIN.

A Fine Old Tom, White Capsule 4.50 0.40

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Fine Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule 12 1.00

Good Iceward Island, \$1.50 per Gallon

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Hongkong, January 23rd. 1892.

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privileges constitute a public scandal and monstrous imposition which the ratepayers are justified in uprooting with all possible haste. As far as the *Hongkong Telegraph* is concerned no stone will be left unturned to bring about the much-to-be-desired result, and with this object now, as ever, in view, we will sum up Hongkong in this year of Grace, thusly: Trade in the Colony is to a great extent at a standstill, poverty rids rampant throughout the land, discontent prevails on every hand, crime has not been so common for many years, the revenue has decreased in proportion to the rapid increase in expenditures a few years ago, while tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars have been expended on trashy public works and absolutely wasted on useless fads and in the support of superfluous officials. The people have lost confidence in the entire administration, and the leading citizens, of any note, entirely disapprove of its general policy. The whole of the surplus funds have been exhausted, reducing the Colony to a state of beggary. These Governor Robinson, and many other disastrous results of Britain's imperial rule plainly enough show that the present *regime* cannot be brought to a close at all too soon.

It will be well, be admitted by men of the world, that the success of a Government must, necessarily, be judged by results. Now, we have before us, to our cost, the results of the system of Government in vogue here for fully fifty years, and yet we frequently hear from some of the obsequious flouts who perniciously cling to the skirts of our Governors of the wonderful things that have been done for Hongkong since Governor MacDonnell took the reins in hand! Such complacent nonentities and impostors on the people's pulse are never tired of blabbing at some extraordinary reforms that have been, and are to be inaugurated by the Secretary of State acting through his special representative—the Governor for the time being. But neither the accommodating hang-dons nor an enlightened press have yet been able to proclaim feebly to the world what has actually been accomplished for the benefit of the masses, the bone and sinew, of the Colony, by this most distinguished and exalted official. His import trade, in opium or anything else, increased during the past decade? Has the revenue increased and the public expenditure been brought down to a minimum? Has crime become contentious by reason of its comparative absence? Has taxation been reduced, or has anything been done in a practical manner to ameliorate the condition of the masses? Have monopolies been abolished? Have bond fide facilities been offered to private enterprise in the building up and improvement of local industries? Not one of these things have been done, but rather the reverse has been effected. The British Government can, in fact, be held largely to blame for the deplorable stagnation of a growing commerce, for sanctioning the *Kowloon Hill* and several equally ill-considered laws; for the strangulation of a spirit of advancement and in some cases for the spilling of innocent men's blood and the deliberate manufacture of criminals. The excess of expenditure (estimated) over revenue this year is clear evidence either of sheer neglect or short-sighted incapacity, for it is on record that retrenchment has long been the cry of the unofficial members, and that the Government is now seriously considering the advisability of negotiating a £200,000 loan! Taxation, it may be argued, so far from being reduced will most probably, be greatly increased in the near future, with a view to liquidating some of the objectionable and needless debts contracted by direction of the "Wise" ruler.

The soliditude which Lord Kinston affects for the welfare of the poorer and "unfortunate" classes is powerfully exemplified in his exactions to render ineffective the exertions of those philanthropists (headed by Mr. H. Amel and the Hon. Ng Choy) who desired to maintain the Po Leung Kuk as a purely charitable institution, supported by the voluntary contributions of wealthy Chinese residents. Furthermore the costly Causeway Bay Reclamation and the "Military Excision" are clear evidence of his lordship's earnest desire for our eternal welfare; while, instead of aiding public interests by offering facilities to encourage local enterprise it is notorious that important local industries have in many cases been "nipped in the bud" by government obstructions.

"Hongkong is 10,000 miles from England" is the significant motto of the Colonial office. It is a positive fact that the astute Secretary of State has for years past made a point of "padding his own canoe" regardless of the protests of the unofficial members of Council and that he endeavours to render the taxpayers' members more toils in the hands of the Governor. Their advice is unheeded, and all they succeed in doing is to literally waste a great deal of their valuable time in company with a crowd of officials who care not what becomes of the people so long as they retain an office under the Crown and draw fat salaries for doing next to nothing except when they vary the monotony of life by muddling things up to an alarming extent.

So far the system of government here has proved an utter failure. It was good enough in the fifties as a makeshift expedient, but it is not compatible with the age or the requirements of the community. To call the system of government in Hongkong constitutional is false. It doesn't begin to be, and will never approach a constitutional method of legislation until the people's representatives are elected by the popular vote and outnumber the coterie of official idiots who couldn't earn their salt in any other manner than as dependents of bigwigs in the service of Victoria, Queen of God, etc. But the case is not as hopeless as it was ten years ago, or even two years ago, and we now rejoice to see that:

The tide is turning with our cause; the people now see that trading with us is not a safe or a profitable business; that we are not stretch forth friendly hand to bring us nearer to the line of peace or all the land. "They have rights who dare maintain them" is a word in season for the members of the Legislative Council of Hongkong, and we trust it will be borne in mind—as a blot if nothing else.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

A CORRECTION.

To the EDITOR of the "Hongkong Telegraph":—DEAR SIR.—On my return from Macao I was very much surprised while reading a paragraph in your issue of the 13th instant of the recent embarkment at the China Sugar Refinery, in which you make a statement concerning Antonio Maria Ferreira—Carvalho de Oliveira de Christo, etc., etc.

Allow me to inform you that he is neither a "smart young man" nor "has been well brought up." He was one of his school-mates and ought to know him as well, if not better than any one else. This very smart (?) young man never attended his class regularly, used to be absent from school once or twice every week, and consequently the then Director of His Joseph's College had to dismiss him one day.

Very well! Since then he was seen roaming and loitering about the town for a time, for he had no other school to go to, his father was a poor but respectable old man, who died without a stain on his character, but who could

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Violet-colored clothing is used at funerals in Turkey.

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